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RAMONA AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE TO FEATURE TOURS AND FLYING

Event will include tours of airport operations and the control tower, aircraft and tricked out truck displays, Classic Warbirds formation flying, rescue and firefighting demonstrations

An exciting day is scheduled for Ramona Airport when it hosts its annual open house on Saturday, September 12, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will feature tours of the airport, the CalFire Air Attack Base, and even the airport control tower. Visitors will also get to take an inside look at the Sheriff's Copter 10 and Mercy Air helicopters. A variety of other aircraft will also be on static display, including World War II-era Classic Warbirds.

Aerial displays will include simulated rescues by the Sheriff's Copter 10 and formation flying by the Classic Warbirds. CalFire will also demonstrate its firefighting capabilities with a fly-by water drop. And Smokey the Bear, icon of the U.S. Forest Service, will be at the event with gifts for the children and fire safety tips. For those who like to keep their wheels on the ground, there will be a Tricked Out Big Rig Truck Show. Food will range from a pancake breakfast to a Mexican fiesta lunch. The event and parking are free; there is a nominal charge for food.

"This is another great event for the entire family at Ramona Airport," said Bo Donovan, airport manager. "Our goal is to involve the community, and what better way than to let them see this community asset up close and some of the airport operations like a tour inside the air traffic control tower, as well as some of the great airplanes and helicopters that fly out of the Ramona Airport. And best of all, it's a free event."

Ramona Airport has been home to CalFire firefighting operations since 1957. The airport is located at 2926 Montecito Road in Ramona.

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